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	Examiner Arthur A Smith	Art Unit 2851	

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 20 February 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-7 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-7 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 20 February 2004 is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☒ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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DETAILED ACTION

Drawings

Figures 1-8 should be designated by a legend such as --Prior Art-- because only that which is old is illustrated. See MPEP § 608.02(g). Corrected drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(d) are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. The replacement sheet(s) should be labeled "Replacement Sheet" in the page header (as per 37 CFR 1.121(d)) so as not to obstruct any portion of the drawing figures. If the changes are not accepted by the examiner, the applicant will be notified and informed of any required corrective action in the next Office action. The objection to the drawings will not be held in abeyance.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1-7 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Persidsky (US 3214233).

In reference to claim 1, Persidsky discloses a film advance mechanism, col. 1 lines 6-13, comprising film input mechanism, ref. 13, for moving film along a path past an aperture; film take-up, ref. 18, mechanism taking up film having passed the aperture, col. 3 lines 18-22; first and second rows of register pins arranged in linear fashion along opposite edges of the path between the film input mechanism and the film take-up

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mechanism for engaging perforated openings on the film, col. 5 lines 3-9; and a rotary air valve, ref. 60, adjacent the film input mechanism for advancing the film by air, col. 5 line 70 – col. 6 line 44 see also fig. 7 for proximity of rotary air valve to film input mechanism.

In reference to claim 2, Persidsky discloses wherein the film is formed into a loop by closure of the rotary air valve with the loop propelled past the aperture by opening of the rotary air valve, col. 6 lines 5-25.

In reference to claim 3, Persidsky discloses an air pressure source, ref. 80, which provides a constant flow of air to the rotary air valve as the loop of film is formed to propel the loop of film past the aperture, col. 5 lines 70-75.

In reference to claim 4, Persidsky discloses wherein the loop in the film is metered by opening and closing the rotary air valve relative to opening and closing a shutter, col. 5 lines 53-65.

In reference to claim 6, Persidsky discloses a method for advancing film in a motion picture device such as a camera or projector, comprising: providing a take-off spool to supply film; forming a loop in the film at an entrance to an aperture position by closure of a rotary air valve. blowing the loop across the aperture position and toward a film take-up spool by opening the rotary air valve; and releasing successive loops of film to be blown across the aperture position by timing the opening and closing of the air valve relative to opening and closing a shutter, col. 5 line 70 – col. 6 line 44.

In reference to claim 7, Persidsky discloses delivering a constant source of air to the rotary air valve, col. 5 lines 70-75.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claim 5 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Persidsky (US 3214233).

In reference to claim 5, Persidsky discloses all the limitation of the parent claim as discussed above. Persidsky does not disclose wherein the rotary air valve operates a specific pressure of about 2 to about 3 inches of water. Persidsky however does teach that the air pressure should be varied depending on the type of film used and to minimize any potential damage to the film, col. 7 lines 13-22 and col. 1 lines 33-59. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to realize that an air pressure of about 2 to about 3 inches of water could be used to advance the film in the invention disclosed by Persidsky. This would be done since it has been held that where the general conditions of a claim are disclosed in the prior art, discovering the optimum or workable ranges involves only routine skill in the art.

Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Schmidt (US 5633696) and Schmidt (US 5841514) both

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discloses methods of driving film in a projector device through the use of pressurized air.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Arthur A Smith whose telephone number is (571) 272 2129. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Thursday from 8:00 AM to 5:30 PM. The examiner can also be reached on alternate Fridays during the same hours.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Judy Nguyen can be reached on (572) 272 2258. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. Status information for published applications may be obtained from either Private PAIR or Public PAIR. Status information for unpublished applications is available through Private PAIR only. For more information about the PAIR system, see <http://pair-direct.uspto.gov>. Should you have questions on access to the Private PAIR system, contact the Electronic Business Center (EBC) at 866-217-9197 (toll-free).



Arthur A. Smith
December 2, 2004